



# THE OHIO SENATE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

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## **Senator Cafaro Re-elected as Senate Democratic Leader**

*Columbus* – The Ohio Senate Democratic Caucus today unanimously re-elected Senator Capri S. Cafaro (D-Hubbard) to serve as Minority Leader for the upcoming 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

“I am honored that my colleagues have chosen me to serve another term as the leader of the Senate Democratic Caucus,” said Senator Cafaro. “Our state faces many challenges and I want to make sure all Ohioans have their voices heard in the next General Assembly.”

The Caucus also selected Senator Shirley Smith (D-Cleveland) to serve a second term as Assistant Minority Leader. “I believe we have assembled a strong and diverse leadership team,” said Senator Smith. “We are committed to being tireless advocates for our constituents.”

Members of the Senate Democratic Caucus also chose Senator-elect Edna Brown (D-Toledo) to be Minority Whip. Senator-elect Brown has served the past nine years as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. “As the first African American Senator from Northwest Ohio I am honored to serve as Minority Whip,” said Senator-elect Brown.

Senator Jason Wilson (D-Columbiana) was also re-elected to the position of Assistant Minority Whip. “I look forward to working with our leadership team in the 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly,” said Senator Wilson. “We have a lot of work ahead of us.”